

HOUSE BILL 517

By Jones

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
relative to child sexual abuse investigations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-607(b)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(B)

(i) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a child advocacy center shall perform the initial forensic interview with a child who is the alleged victim of child sexual abuse.

(ii) If subsequent interviews are found necessary by the team, the team shall interview the child in a neutral setting, other than where the alleged abuse occurred.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.